

NGAC

Cultural & Historical Geospatial Resources Subcommittee Report



NGAC Meeting
April 4, 2018

Subcommittee Background

Current Topic:

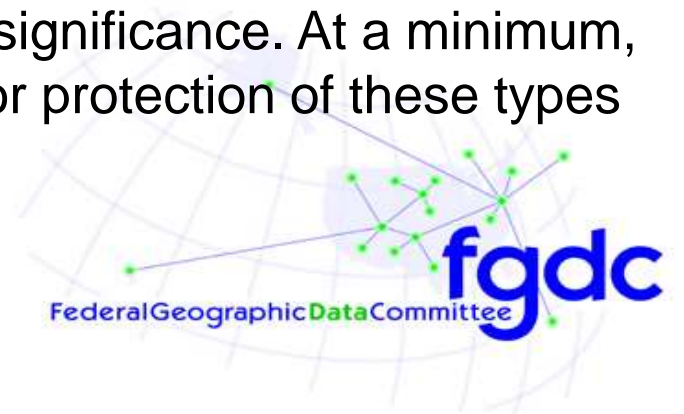
The focus area of the subcommittee is to investigate and make recommendations to the FGDC and further to US federal government agencies on policies and procedures to protect geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance. While the FGDC does have a cultural resources subcommittee they are focused on data standards. We (the NGAC cultural resources subcommittee) are focused on data protection.

Problem statement or issue to address:

There seems to be a lack of documented (or knowledge of) policies in place to address the protection of geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance. At a minimum, there is certainly no clear consistency concerning the management or protection of these types of geospatial data assets across federal agencies.

Audience:

Federal agencies and/or agencies holding geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance.



Progress and path to the goal

Update for NGAC

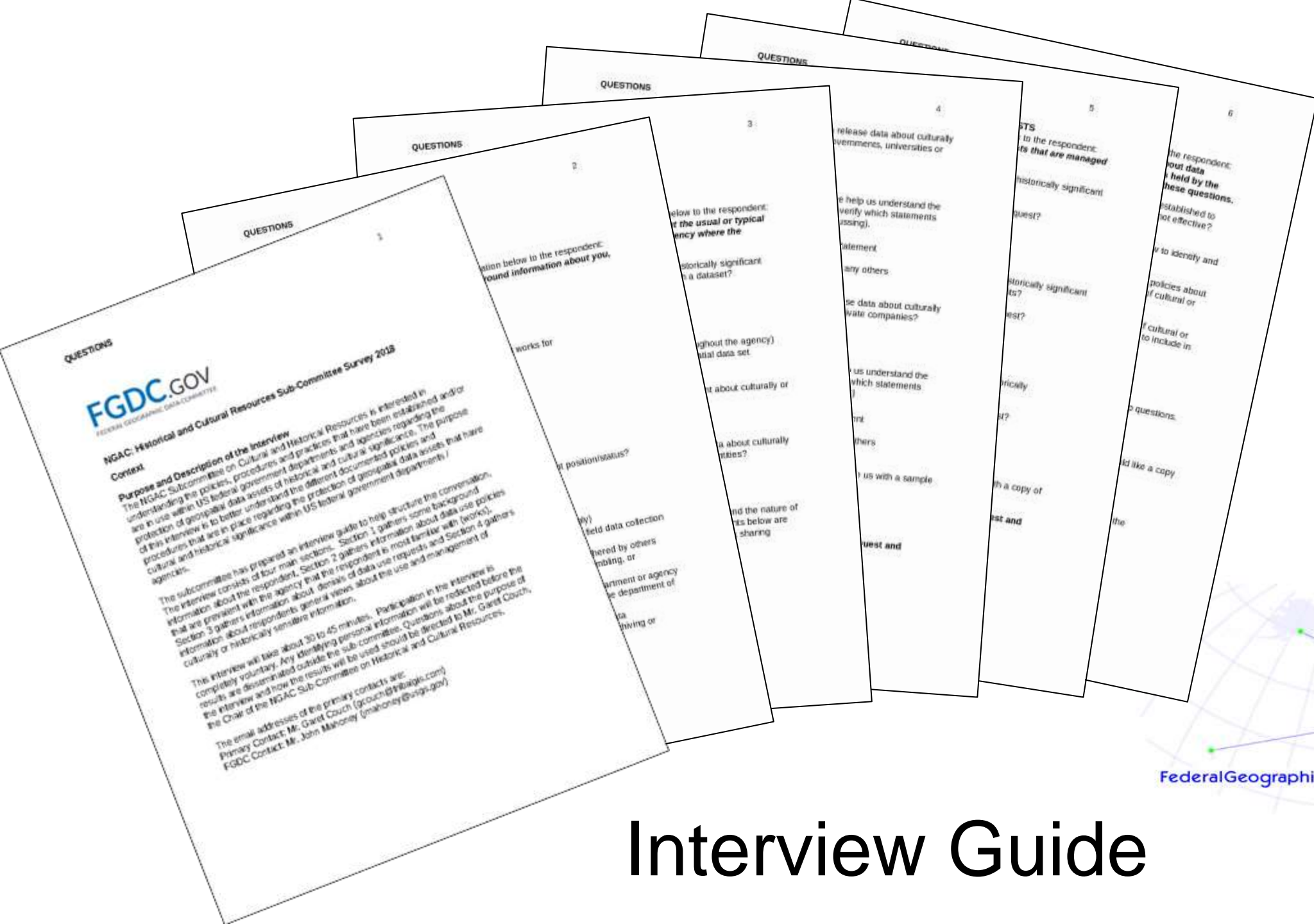
- Process to conduct initial research established (individual interviews).
 - Interview purpose statement established
 - Interview guide established
 - Mechanism established to track interview responses
 - List of interview candidates established / in progress (15 initial interviewees)
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- To-Do – Conduct interviews
 - To-Do - Compile interview results
 - To-Do - Conduct additional research as needed
 - To-Do - Draft report
 - To-Do - Establish next steps



Interview Purpose

The purpose of this interview/survey is to determine what documented policies and procedures are in place regarding the protection of geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance within US federal government departments / agencies. While we are aware that there are multiple federal laws in place that cover the protection of these geospatial assets, we are specifically interested to see if individual departments / agencies have a documented policy for implementing protection measures for said geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance subject to these laws. Further, we are interested to know if a documented policy is in place, do staff feel its implementation is effective and is said policy being carried out across the department or agency in an effective manner





Interview Guide

Current Project Timeline

- April 2018 – Committee approves final interview guide and initial list of interviewees.
- April 2018 – Committee develops letter to agency heads and prospective interviewees.
- May – June 2018 – Interviews to be scheduled and conducted.
- July – August 2018 – Develop summary and first draft report.
- September 2018 – Present first draft report to NGAC.
- December 2018 – Present final report to NGAC for approval.





We are currently looking for additional committee members

